

**What is claimed is:**

1. A fuel tank mount structure to allow a fuel tank to be placed in a lower area of a floor located in  
5 a rear area of a vehicle body, comprising

a rear suspension member disposed rearward of the fuel tank and having a front edge portion  
formed in a configuration contoured along a rear profile of the fuel tank.

2. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein the rear suspension member further  
10 comprises a front suspension cross member formed at the front edge portion so as to extend in a  
vehicle widthwise direction, and a rear suspension cross member disposed rearward of the front  
suspension cross member so as to extend in the vehicle widthwise direction,

and wherein a rear side of a first tank frame for holding the fuel tank is mounted to the vehicle  
body at an area between the front suspension cross member and the rear suspension cross member.

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3. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein left and right both sides of a front  
portion of the first tank frame 1 are inclined upward of a vehicle and outward in the vehicle  
widthwise direction.

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4. The fuel tank mount structure according to any one of claim 1, wherein tank mount brackets are  
disposed at connecting portions connecting a rear side members being placed on left and right sides  
of the vehicle body in the vehicle widthwise direction and a rear cross member, and both ends of a  
rear cross frame forming a rear end of the first tank frame are fastened to the tank mount brackets.

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5. The fuel tank mount structure according to any one of preceding claim 1, wherein side frames  
connecting the front cross frame and the rear cross frame of the first tank frame are disposed  
downward of rear suspension brackets of the rear suspension member.

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6. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 5, wherein the side frames is configured to  
bent inwardly in the vehicle widthwise direction as the side frames extend rearwardly, and rear  
ends of the side frames are fastened to the rear cross frame being located in a rear end of the first

tank frame, at positions inward of both ends thereof in the vehicle widthwise direction, with the both ends of the rear cross frame being fastened to the vehicle body.

7. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 1, wherein a second tank frame for holding the  
5 fuel tank is unitarily formed with the rear suspension member.

8. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 7, wherein the second tank frame is positioned forward of the fuel tank,

and wherein the second tank frame and the rear suspension member are connected to the rear  
10 side members one another.

9. The fuel tank mount structure according to claim 7, wherein the second tank frame includes side frames extending forward of both left and right ends of the rear side member along the rear side members.

15 10. A fuel tank mount structure to allow a fuel tank to be placed in a lower area of a floor located in a rear area of a vehicle body, comprising

a rear suspension means disposed rearward of the fuel tank and for defining an accommodating space for the fuel tank, wherein

20 a front edge portion of the rear suspension means is configured to contour along a rear profile of the fuel tank.